

Frequently asked questions

What can be done about speeding in my neighborhood?

Speed limits of 25 or 30 miles per hour provide an effective control for most motorists traveling on residential streets. Speed violations do occur and are nearly impossible to stop. If you experience a chronic problem in your neighborhood, the Hartford Police Department Traffic Division can concentrate enforcement efforts in a specific area to reduce the incidence of speeding.

Can speed humps be installed in my neighborhood to address speeding problems?

The city is not currently installing speed humps as installation causes other problems including an increase in response time for emergency vehicles, noise and moving the speeding problem to the next street. The city is installing more appropriate controls through its Traffic Calming program.

Why can't I reserve parking in front of my house for my own use?

On street parking is within the public right of way. In other words, it belongs to everyone. In areas where parking

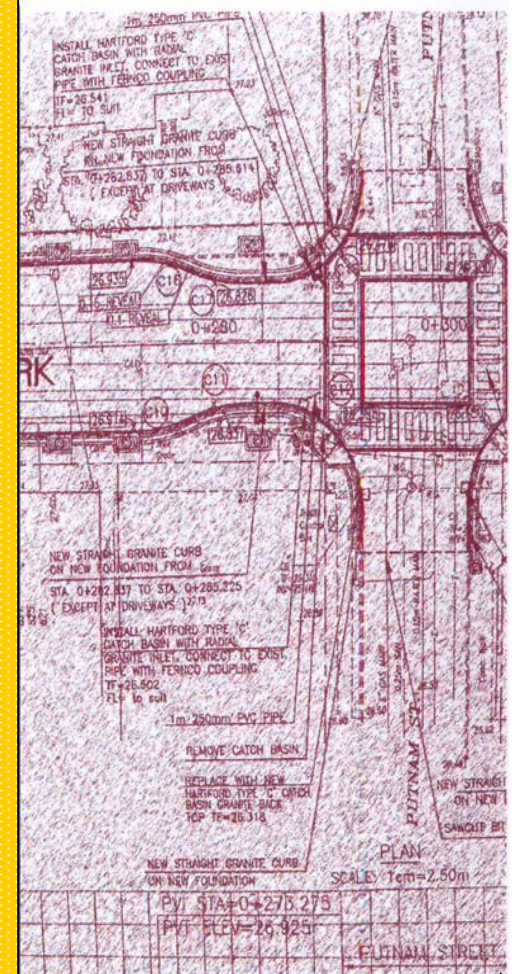
demand is high, time limits are imposed to best use the parking and ensure motorist turnover. Generally, parking in Hartford is for a maximum period of three hours unless otherwise posted. Some streets are designated as "alternate side parking" streets primarily to accommodate resident parking.

Useful numbers

Traffic engineering - 522-4888 ext. 6536

Hartford Police Department - 527-7300

Traffic Studies



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This brochure has been developed to help residents better understand traffic studies done by the Department of Public Works.

The most frequently requested studies are on the following topics:

- . Traffic and pedestrian safety
- . Parking studies and regulations
- . Speed limit studies
- . Traffic calming
- . One way street designations

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Studies

Public Works conducts studies and designs signage and pavement striping to provide for safe and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Studies include:

- Visibility concerns
- Intersection right of way concerns
- Traffic signage installation and maintenance

- Pavement marking, installation and maintenance
- New pedestrian crosswalk installations
- Traffic signal installation and modifications

Parking Studies and Regulations

Parking studies are conducted in response to resident and business requests concerning parking issues. These studies include:

- New loading zones installations
- Bus stop designations and bus shelter installation
- Time restricted parking and parking meter installation
- Changes to parking regulations, such as requests for alternate side parking.

Speed Limit Studies

Streets are periodically reviewed, both as an internal process and as a result of citizen requests, to determine if a specified speed limit is appropriate for a particular street. All requests for speed limit changes must be approved by the State Traffic Commission.

Traffic Calming

Traffic calming is an approach to slowing and controlling traffic using physical modifications to roadways. A long term Traffic Calming Master Plan was developed with the input of community groups, consultants and city staff for this purpose. The plan does not call for installation of calming devices city wide all at one time but rather as the opportunity to do so presents itself (i.e., scheduled road reconstruction, available special funding). Some parts of the plan have already been implemented. Several of the city's major arteries have been changed from two travel lanes to one (thus reducing travel speed); "roundabouts" have been installed; and one way reversible lanes have been changed to two way traffic lanes.

One Way Street Designations

Requests by citizens to designate streets as "one way" must be carefully evaluated to determine the impact of the change on adjacent streets and the impact the change would have on motorists using the street as well as the effect on adjacent businesses.